

**Adam Stephen to George Washington, May 29, 1756,
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FROM COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

F CUMBERLAND May 29th. 1756

SIR,

You have no doubt heard of the Party of Volunteers who went out under command of Colo. Cressop; He returned about noon w about 60 of them & six of the Nottawais—About bare Camp, his men mutinied, Some were for one thing and some for another—Lt. Gist went from this place with him, with Eighteen men of the Regmt. and Seven Indians—In Compliance w the mutinous tempers of the men rather than w any reasonable view they divided their men —

Mr Cressop w the men under his Command Set off to fall in upon y—youghgane¹ above the g crossing,² whilst Lt. Gist marched w the Soldiers, Indian Capt. Tom, & sixteen Volunteers, straight to it, and about a Quarter of a mile above the Spring on the Top of the mountain fell in w a party of the Enemy.—The Skirmish lasted near hour, The Enemy behaved w great resolution and constantly aimed at Surrounding our men, who on their part behaved extreamly well, prevented the Enemies designs and, according to our Art, killed six of them, with the loss of two of themselves—There are only two of the men who were in the engagemt. Come in yet.—They overtook Mr. Cressop on his Return, w the

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numr. above mentd., instead of marching for the River, which I am afraid will lead Mr. Gist into a mistake —

In their Return they fell in w three or four Indians, about They fell in with three or four Indians, one of whom they Scalpd, & wounded two more mortally, but his men were in such a pannick that he could not prevail on them to Stay and look for them. —

The Enemy with whom Lieut. Gist fell in were on their way down—I have not heard their number—They may be the Advanced guard of an Army for what I know.—The Sergt. who is come in, Says that they left the field upon hearing a Gun fired at a distance, and a great hollowing coming from the Crossing —

I am anxious about Mr Gist and the men under his Command. —

I hope you will Send us up Some of the Recruits as soon as possible

I am Sir, Your most obt. huble. Servt. ADAM STEPHEN

1 Youghiogany River.

2 The Great Crossing of the Youghiogany River.